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NEWS DEPARTMENT

The Naming of Portage Bay

On May 1, 1913, the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle adopted the following resolution:

"That the Port Commission hereafter designate upon its maps and other records under the name Portage Bay that portion of Lake Union in the City of Seattle which lies to the eastward of the Latona Bridge."

At the same time the President of the Port Commission, General H. M. Chittenden, framed the following reasons for the adoption of the name:

"That part of Lake Union which lies east of Latona Bridge is so detached from the main lake as to make it practically a separate body of water. A great deal of confusion arises in description because 'Lake Union' in the popular mind means the main body of the lake west of the Latona Bridge. A separate name for the east arm of the lake is of practical importance, and Portage Bay has been suggested as a suitable name. It is peculiarly appropriate because it commemorates in permanent form an important feature of the history of the city which will pass away with the completion of the canal. From the very beginning of the city the portaging of traffic across the narrow neck of land that separates the two lakes has been carried on by various means, among which are a tramway, a lock canal, and the log sluiceway at present in use. All of this will be finally done away with when the open channel is completed between the lakes and they are made practically one body of water."

Interest of Women's Clubs in Local History

Miss Bessie Winsor of Seattle, Secretary of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, is authority for the statement that there are more than two hundred women's clubs in the State of Washington, embracing five thousand members, and that two-thirds of them will study local history during the coming year.

The general interest in the subject was also reflected in the annual election of officers. Mrs. Ruth Karr McKee of Hoquiam was chosen President of the Federation. In her work for the clubs and for libraries she has been a strong advocate for the study and preservation of the

history of the Northwest. This part of her character can easily be traced. Her mother was a Walker and was born in the Spokane branch of the famous Whitman mission. Missionary Walker was one of the reenforcements sent out into Oregon in 1838. Mrs. McKee and her mother were both native daughters and being a part of the history they know its interest and importance.

Exploring Mountains

Two mountain clubs will be at work in the State of Washington during the present summer. The Mazamas, with headquarters in Portland, Oregon, will visit Mount Adams, August 2 to 17. The Mountaineers, with headquarters in Seattle, will traverse the Olympic Range, starting at Port Angeles and emerging at the mouth of the Quinault River. The time scheduled is August 2 to 23. Both outings are primarily for pleasure, but there will also be done considerable work of scientific and historical value.

Journey of the Liberty Bell

School teachers from the Pacific Coast States have in person presented the petitions of thousands of western school children asking the authorities in Philadelphia to send the old Liberty Bell on a visit to the Pacific Coast during the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915. Many patriotic citizens worked to secure and compile the petitions. One of the most active in the State of Washington was Richard Saxe Jones of Seattle.

Washington Pioneer Association

The Pioneer Association of the State of Washington held its regular annual meeting at the Association's hall, Madison Park, Seattle, on June 3 and 4, 1913.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: President, Morgan J. Carkeek; Vice-President, H. C. Comegys; Secretary, Edgar Bryan; Treasurer, William M. Calhoun; Trustees, Thomas H. Cann, M. R. Maddocks, Frank H. Winslow, W. V. Rhinehart and Leander Miller.

The principal address of the occasion was delivered by Judge R. B. Albertson. Besides glowing tributes to the worth of the pioneer men and women, the address was replete with valuable historical references, especial-

ly relating to professional men in the Territory in 1883, when Judge Albertson was a newspaper man about to begin his career as a lawyer.

Death of Haven W. Edwards

Mr. Haven W. Edwards, vice-principal and head of the history department of the Oakland (California) High School, and Secretary of the Pacific Coast branch of the American Historical Society, died at his home, in Berkeley, on April 27. He was a graduate of Stanford University and had done post-graduate work at Harvard. His teaching experience was obtained at the St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., and in Redlands, Cal. At the time of his death he was making, for the Archives Commission of the American Historical Association a report on the Archives of California, a task nearly completed. He had also been a frequent contributor to the History Teachers' Magazine. He was also one of the founders of the "May First History Club," now in the fourth year of its existence.—The History Teachers' Magazine for June, 1913.